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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen regarding the recent Microsoft settlement.

How can this three year long negotiation still be on hold? This well thought out, well-monitored process yielded a fair and reasonable settlement for all parties involved. It is time to let the terms of this agreement speak for themselves. Under the agreement, Microsoft has agreed to:

1. Turn over its internal interfaces for its Windows operating system to its competitors,
2. License its intellectual property to its competitors,
3. Make it easier for non-Microsoft products to be added to Windows by its competitors, and
4. Have a technical committee grade it for compliance and accepting complaints, even by their competitors.

**What more could Microsoft's competitors reasonably expect from a fair settlement?**

As we sit and spend more of our Country's precious resources on more litigation, the global market continues to produce outstanding results. Our innovative industry should be able to concentrate on the same without worrying about further legal battles. Let us allow our technology industry to move forward and work together to maintain our place in the global market.

Please help us to stop any further litigation against this settlement. Let us move forward and allow our technology industry to prosper. I thank you of your support.

Sincerely,

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